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The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has amended its regulations dealing with obsolete references to filing fee for Permit to Drill: 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), (e)(2); 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), (b)(1); 20 AAC 25.605(a). The amended regulation also eliminates the filing fees required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill. The Lieutenant Governor signed and filed the regulation changes on March 5, 2013, with an effective date of April 4, 2013.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the amended regulations, contact Jody Colombie at (907) 793-1221, fax (907) 276-7542, or e-mail <u>jody.colombie@alaska.gov</u>.

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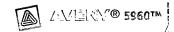
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## OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mike Barnhill, AAC Contact

Department of Administration

FROM:

Scott Meriwether

Special Assistant 907.465.3509

DATE:

March 8, 2013

RE:

Filed Permanent Regulations: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Regulations re: obsolete references to filing fee for permit to drill: 20 AAC

25.005(c)(1),(e)(2); 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1),(b)(1); 20 AAC 25.605(a)

Attorney General File:

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Regulation Filed:

3/5/2013

Effective Date:

4/4/2013

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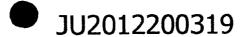
206, July 2013

cc with enclosures:

Linda Miller, Department of Law

Robert Pearson, Administrative Regulation Review Committee

Judy Herndon, LexisNexis



#### ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The attached 3 pages of regulations, dealing with eliminating filing fees for an application for a permit to drill, is certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission adopted at its January 8, 2013 public hearing, under the authority of AS 31.05.030 and AS 31.05.040 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken. Although no public comments were received, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: January 11, 2013

Anchorage, Alaska

Chair, Commissioner

#### FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Mead Treadwell, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on March 5, at

m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

Lieutenant Governor

Effective:

Register:

April 4, 2013 206, July 2013

20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) is repealed:

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20 AAC 25.005(e)(2) is amended to read:

(2) for each other well branch, the application for a Permit to Drill need only include information under (c) of this section that is unique to that well branch [AND NEED NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE \$100 FEE].

(Eff. 4/13/80, Register 74; am 4/2/86, Register 97; am 11/7/99, Register 152; am 6/4/2000, Register 154; am 1/5/2006, Register 177; am 12/28/2006, Register 180; am 4/2/86, Register 180; am 4/2/86, Register 152; am 6/4/2000, Register 154; am 1/5/2006, Register 177; am 12/28/2006, Register 180; am 4/2/86, Register 180; am 4/2/86, Register 152; am 6/4/2000, Register 154; am 1/5/2006, Register 177; am 12/28/2006, Register 180; am 4/2/86, Register 180; am 4/2/86, Register 152; am 6/4/2000, Register 154; am 1/5/2006, Register 177; am 12/28/2006, Register 180; am 4/2/86, Register 180; am 4/2/86,

**Authority:** AS 31.05.030 AS 31.05.090

20 AAC 25.015(a)(1) is amended to read:

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Permit to Drill if the proposed surface location is changed, if the proposed bottom-hole location

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**Authority:** AS 31.05,030

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 $\widehat{RCC} = \widehat{V_{OP} / V_{TOT} * (A[-F]-L)}$ 

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(Eff. 6/4/2000, Register 154, Register 180; am  $\frac{4}{4}$  / 2013 Register 206)

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### **MEMORANDUM**

# **AOGCC** State of Alaska

**Department of Law** 

To: Cathy P. Foerster, Chair

Alaska Oil and Gas

**Conservation Commission** 

DATE: February 21, 2013

FILE NO.: JU2012200319

**TELEPHONE NO.:** 465-3600

Steven C. Weaver

Assistant Attorney General

Legislation/Regulations Section--Juneau

**SUBJECT**: Regulations re: obsolete

references to filing fee for permit to drill (20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), (e)(2); 20 AAC

25.015(a)(1), (b)(1); 20 AAC

25.605(a))

Under AS 44.62.060, we have reviewed the attached regulations changes by the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and approve the changes for filing by the lieutenant governor. I have reviewed this project under a specific delegation dated February 20, 2013 from the Regulations Attorney. A duplicate original of this memorandum is being furnished to the lieutenant governor, along with the three pages of regulations and the related documents.

You might wish to contact the lieutenant governor's office to confirm the filing date and effective date of the attached regulation changes.

The November 25, 2012 public notice and the January 11, 2013 certification order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

In accordance with AS 44.62.125(b)(6), some corrections have been made in the regulations, as shown on the attached copy.

SCW

cc w/enc:

Mike Barnhill, Deputy Commissioner & Regulations Contact

Department of Administration

**Jody Colombie** 

Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

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### **MEMORANDUM**

### State of Alaska

### **Department of Law**

To: Hon. Mead Treadwell Lieutenant Governor

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Legislation/Regulations Section--Juneau

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We have reviewed the attached regulations from the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. I have reviewed this project under a specific delegation dated February 20, 2013 from the Regulations Attorney. A duplicate of this memorandum is being furnished to the commission chair, Cathy P. Foerster, along with a copy of the regulations.

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This memorandum and the attached duplicate memorandum dated February 21, 2013 constitute the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations.

The regulation changes were adopted by the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission after the close of the public comment period. The regulations delete obsolete references to a filing fee for a permit to drill: a fee repealed as part of amendments to AS 31.05.090 made under sec. 12, ch. 54, SLA 2007.

The certification order for the regulations states that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

We have made a few technical corrections to conform the regulations with the drafting manual under AS 44.62.060 and 44.62.125. The corrections are shown on the attached copy of the regulations.

SCW

cc w/enc:

Cathy P. Foerster, Chair

Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

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### Alaska Oil and Gas **Conservation Commission**

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### Memorandum

DATE:

January 11, 2013

TO:

Debra Behr

Regulations Attorney

FROM:

Cathy P. Foerster

Chair, Commissioner

SUBJECT: Request for Legal Review

Regulations Project on eliminating filing fees for an application for a permit to drill

20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), 20 AAC 25.005(e)(2), 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1),

20 AAC 25.025.015(b)(1)

We are requesting legal review and approval of the attached final permanent regulations on eliminating filing fees for an application for a permit to drill, which were adopted by the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

#### Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1. the original and one copy of the final regulations for the Department of Law's use;
- 2. one copy of the final regulations and the public notice for governor's office use;
- 3. the original of the signed and dated adoption document;
- 4. the original signed and dated certification order;
- 5. the original of the public notice;
- 6. the original of the additional regulations notice information form distributed with the notice;
- 7. the original of the publisher's affidavit of publication;
- 8. the original of the affidavit of notice;
- 9. the original of the affidavit of oral hearing;
- 10. the original of the affidavit of agency record of public comment;
- 11. the transcript from the January 8, 2013 hearing;
- 12. staff affidavit for the transcript pages;

We have worked with Assistant Attorney General Thomas Ballantine on the project. Upon completion of your review, please forward the regulations to the lieutenant governor for filing.

20 AAC 25.0	05(c)(1) is repea	led:		
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20 AAC 25.005(e)(2) is amended to read:

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**Authority:** AS 31.05.030 AS 31.05.090

20 AAC 25.015(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) submit and obtain the commission's approval of a new application for a

Permit to Drill if the proposed surface location is changed, if the proposed bottom-hole location
or the proposed location of an objective formation is changed by more than 500 feet laterally or

vertically, or if the change requires a spacing exception under 20 AAC 25.055; [HOWEVER, NO ADDITIONAL FEE IS REQUIRED;] or

20 AAC 25.015(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) submit and obtain the commission's approval of a new application for a

Permit to Drill [, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$100,] if the proposed bottom-hole location
or the proposed location of an objective formation is changed by more than 500 feet laterally or
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(Eff. 4/13/80, Register 74; am 4/2/86, Register 97; am 11/7/99, Register 152; am 1/5/2006,
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Authority: AS 31.05.030

AS 31.05.090

20 AAC 25.605 is amended to read:

(a) The formula for determining a person's regulatory cost charge under AS 31.05.093 is  $RCC = V_{OP} / V_{TOT} * (A[-F]-L)$ 

where

**RCC** = the regulatory cost charge;

 $V_{OP}$  = the total volume of oil and gas produced from, and oil, gas, water, and other fluids injected into, during the most recently concluded calendar year, wells for which a Permit to Drill

has been issued under AS 31.05.090, of which the person is the operator on the first day of the fiscal year, and that have not before that day been plugged and abandoned and reported as abandoned in accordance with this chapter;

 $V_{TOT}$  = the total volume of oil and gas produced from, and oil, gas, water, and other fluids injected into, during the most recently concluded calendar year, all wells for which a Permit to Drill has been issued under AS 31.05.090 and that have not before the first day of the fiscal year been plugged and abandoned and reported as abandoned in accordance with this chapter;

A = the appropriation, other than from federal receipts, made for the operating costs of the commission for the fiscal year;

[F = THE COMMISSION'S REASONABLE ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL FEES TO BE COLLECTED UNDER AS 31.05.090 DURING THE FISCAL YEAR;]

L = the lapsed amount of a previous appropriation that is appropriated for the fiscal year under AS 31.05.093 (d).

(Eff. 6/4/2000, Register 154, Register 180; am \_\_\_/\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 31.05.030 AS 31.05.093

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Register	)		
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20 AAC 25.015(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) submit and obtain the commission's approval of a new application for a

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(1) submit and obtain the commission's approval of a new application for a

Permit to Drill [, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$100,] if the proposed bottom-hole location
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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

"BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission proposes to eliminate the filing fee that is currently charged, by regulation, to persons who apply for a Permit to Drill."

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission proposes to adopt changes in Title 20, Chapter 25 of the Alaska Administrative Code. Specifically, the Commission proposes to repeal 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) to eliminate the filing fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill. In addition, the Commission proposes to amend the language of 20 AAC 25.005(e)(2), 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), 20 AAC 25.015(b)(1) and 20 AAC 25.605(a) in order to delete all references to the filing fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill.

You may comment on the proposed regulation change, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed change, by submitting written comments to Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission at 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Additionally, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 276-7542 and by electronic mail at Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. The comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 8, 2013.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on January 8, 2013, at 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. The hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 9:30 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Jody Colombie at (907) 793-1221 no later than January 4, 2013 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation change, contact Jody Colombie at (907) 793-1221 or go to www.aogcc.alaska.gov.

After the public comment period ends, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of any final regulation may be different from the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

Statutory Authority: AS 31.05.030 and AS 31.05.090

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 31.05.090

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation change is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: <u>November 19, 2012</u>

# ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

- 1. Adopting agency: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- 2. General subject of regulation: eliminating the fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill as well as any reference in the regulations to such fee.
- 3. Citation of regulation: 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), 20 AAC 25.005(e)(2), 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), 20 AAC 25.015(b)(1) and 20 AAC 25.605(a).
- 4. Reason for the proposed action: compliance with revised state statute.
- 5. Appropriation/Allocation: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- 6. Cost of implementation to the state agency: zero.
- 7. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

Name Cathy P. Foerster

Title Chair, Commissioner

Address 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Telephone (907) 793-1221

E-mail address is jody.colombie@alaska.gov

8. The origin of the proposed action: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission staff.

9. Date: November 19, 2012

Prepared by:

Jody J. Colombie Special Staff Assistant

(907) 793-1221

STATE OF ALASKA	)
	) ss.
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT	)

# AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I, Jody J. Colombie, Special Assistant to the Commission, of Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed adoption of changes to 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), 20 AAC 25.005(e)(2), 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), 20 AAC 25.025.015(b)(1), Eliminating Filing Fees for an Application for Permit to Drill has been given by being

- (1) published in a newspaper or trade publication;
- (2) furnished to interested persons;
- (3) furnished to appropriate state officials;
- (4) furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulations;
- (5) electronically transmitted to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
- (6) furnished to the Legislative Affairs Agency, Legislative Legal and Research Services;
- posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1);
- (8) furnished electronically, along with a copy of the proposed regulations, to the Legislative Affairs Agency, the chair of the Resources Committee of the Alaska Senate and House of Representatives, the Administrative Regulation Review Committee, and the legislative council.

As required by AS 44.62.190(d), additional regulations notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to interested persons and those in (5) and (6) of the list above. The additional regulations notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

DATE: <u>January 11, 2013</u>

**Anchorage** 

Jody J. Colombie, Special Assistant to the Commission

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 11th day of January, 2013.

Notary Public in and for the

State of Alaska

My commission expires: 11/11/2014.

# ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The attached 3 pages of regulations, dealing with eliminating filing fees for an application for a permit to drill, is certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission adopted at its January 8, 2013 public hearing, under the authority of AS 31.05.030 and AS 31.05.040 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken. Although no public comments were received, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: <u>January 11, 2013</u> Anchorage, Alaska

> Cathy P. Foerster Chair, Commissioner

#### FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Mead Treadwell, Lieutenant G	overnor for	the State of Alaska, certify that on	, at
m., I filed the attached reg	ulations acc	cording to the provisions of AS 44.62.040	- 44.62.120.
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•		Lieutenant Governor	
Effective:	•		
Register:	•		

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

"BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission proposes to eliminate the filing fee that is currently charged, by regulation, to persons who apply for a Permit to Drill."

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission proposes to adopt changes in Title 20, Chapter 25 of the Alaska Administrative Code. Specifically, the Commission proposes to repeal 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) to eliminate the filing fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill. In addition, the Commission proposes to amend the language of 20 AAC 25.005(e)(2), 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), 20 AAC 25.015(b)(1) and 20 AAC 25.605(a) in order to delete all references to the filing fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill.

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After the public comment period ends, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of any final regulation may be different from the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 31.05.030 and AS 31.05.090

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 31.05.090

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation change is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: November 19, 2012

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

- 1. Adopting agency: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- 2. General subject of regulation: eliminating the fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill as well as any reference in the regulations to such fee.
- 3. Citation of regulation: 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), 20 AAC 25.005(e)(2), 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), 20 AAC 25.015(b)(1) and 20 AAC 25.605(a).
- 4. Reason for the proposed action: compliance with revised state statute.
- 5. Appropriation/Allocation: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- 6. Cost of implementation to the state agency: zero.
- 7. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

Name Cathy P. Foerster

Title Chair, Commissioner

Address 333 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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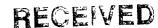
8. The origin of the proposed action: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission staff.

9. Date: November 19, 2012

Prepared by:

Special Staff Assistant

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Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 26th day of November 2012

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### THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:
AS 31.05.090

Fiscal Information: The proposed

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation change is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: November 15, 2012

By:/s/Cathy P. Foerster, Chair,

Commissioner

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

Adopting agency: Alaska Oil and

Gas Conservation Commission.
2. General subject of regulation: 2. General subject of regulation: eliminating the fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill as well as any reference in the regulations to such fee.

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4. Reason for the proposed action: compliance with revised state statute.

5. Appropriation/Allocation: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

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agency: zero.
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E-mail address is jody.coiombie@alaska.gov 8. The origin of the proposed action: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission staff.

9. Date: <u>November 15, 2012</u> Prepared by: Jody J. Colombie Special Staff Assistant (907) 793-1221 Pub: 11/25/2012. Ad#10

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STATE OF ALASKA	)	
	)	SS.
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT )		

### AFFIDAVIT OF COMMISSION ACTION

I, Jody J. Colombie, Special Assistant to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, being sworn, state the following:

The attached motion, dealing with eliminating filing fees for an application for a permit to drill regulation changes, was passed by the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission during its January 8, 2013 public hearing.

Date: January 11, 2013

Anchorage

Special Assistant to the Commission

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 11th day of January 2013.

Notary Public in and for the

State of Alaska

My commission expires: 11/11/2014

STATE OF ALASKA	)
	) ss.
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT	)
	AFFIDAVIT OF ORAL HEARING

I, Cathy P. Foerster, Chair, Commissioner of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission\_being sworn, state the following:

On January 8, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at 333 West Seventh Avenue, Anchorage Alaska 99501, I presided over a public hearing held under AS 44.62.210 for the purpose of taking testimony in connection with the adoption of changes to 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), 20 AAC 25.005(e)(2), 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), 20 AAC 25.025.015(b)(1), eliminating filing fees for an application for a permit to drill.

DATE: January 11, 2013 Anchorage, Alaska

> Cathy P. Foerster Chair, Commissioner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 11th day of January, 2013.

Notary Public in and for the

State of Alaska

My commission expires: 11/11/14.

### ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION HEARING January 8, 2013 Excerpt From Unapproved Minutes

Commissioner John K. Norman moved and Commissioner Cathy P. Foerster seconded the following motion:

"I move to adopt 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), 20 AAC 25.005(e)(2), 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), 20 AAC 25.025.015(b)(1)."

The motion carried unanimously.

1	ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSER	VATION COMMISSION
2	Before Commissioners:	Cathy Foerster, Chair
3		Daniel T. Seamount
4		John K. Norman
5	In the Matter of Proposed Regul	ations )
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10	ALASKA OIL and GAS CONSER	VATION COMMISSION
11	Anchorage, A	alaska
12	January 8,	2013
13	9:00 o'clock	a.m.
14	VOLUME I	
15	PUBLIC HEAR	RING
16	BEFORE: Cathy Foerster, Chair	
17	John K. Norman	

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2 Opening remarks by Chair Foerster 03

- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (On record 9:02 a.m.)
- 3 CHAIR FOERSTER: Good morning. I'll call this
- 4 hearing to order. This is a public hearing to consider
- 5 proposed regulations pertaining to the elimination of
- 6 the filing fee required to accompany an application for
- 7 a permit to drill. In 2007 the Legislature enacted
- 8 statutory amendments to AS 31.05, one of those
- 9 amendments eliminated the statutory filing fee required
- 10 to accompany permit to drill applications. AOGCC is
- 11 repealing this regulation to conform the regulation to
- 12 the statute as amended.
- 13 This hearing is being held on the morning on
- 14 January 8th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The location is the
- 15 Commission's offices at 333 West Seventh Avenue,
- 16 Anchorage, Alaska.
- 17 I'll first introduce the bench. To my right is
- 18 Commissioner John Norman and Commissioner Seamount is
- 19 at the dentist. I'm Cathy Foerster, the Chair.
- 20 Computer Matrix will be recording these
- 21 proceedings. Upon completion and preparation of the
- 22 transcript persons desiring a copy will be able to
- 23 obtain it by contacting Computer Matrix or
- 24 alternatively by contacting Jody Colombie, the
- 25 Commission's Special Assistant.

- 1 The Commissioners would like to remind anyone
- 2 who testifies to speak into the microphone so that
- 3 persons in the rear of the room can hear and so the
- 4 court reporter can get a clear recording.
- 5 Specifically the Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation
- 6 Commission proposes to adopt changes in Title 20,
- 7 Chapter 25 of the Alaska Administrative Code. The
- 8 Commission proposes to repeal 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) to
- 9 eliminate the filing fee required to accompany an
- 10 application for a permit to drill. In addition the
- 11 Commission proposes to amend the language of 20 AAC
- 12 25.005(e)(2), 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), 20 AAC 25.015(b)(1)
- 13 and 20 AAC 25.605(a), in order to delete all references
- 14 to the filing fee required to accompany an application
- 15 for permit to drill. This hearing is being held in
- 16 accordance with AS 44.62 and 20 AAC 25.540 of the
- 17 Alaska Administrative Code.
- 18 If you have a question directed to someone
- 19 testifying we ask that you provide your question in
- 20 writing along with your name and that of the witness to
- 21 the Commission's Special Assistant, Jody Colombie,
- 22 float wave. Before the end of the hearing the
- 23 Commission will review these questions and ask those it
- 24 believes will be helpful in eliciting relevant
- 25 information.

- 1 The notice of this hearing was published in the
- 2 Alaska Journal of Commerce on November 25th, 2012, It
- 3 was also posted on the state of Alaska online notices
- 4 website as well as the AOGCC's own website on November
- 5 15th, 2012.
- The AOGCC has received no written comments.
- When considering the factual, substantive and
- 8 other relevant matters the agency shall pay special
- 9 attention to the cost to private persons of the
- 10 proposed regulation actions.
- 11 Commissioner John Norman will provide comments
- 12 for AOGCC.
- 13 COMMISSIONER NORMAN: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 14 As you outlined the statutory basis for the regulation
- 15 was repealed some years ago and because of that the
- 16 action that is before us today is largely a ministerial
- 17 action. When the underlying statutory authority is
- 18 repealed that leaves the regulation hanging in the air
- 19 without statutory foundation and consequently what
- 20 we're doing is simply following through as you said to
- 21 confirm the regulation to the statute. I will place in
- 22 the record a bit of background for any persons
- 23 reviewing the record in the future of the process the
- 24 Commission went through when we took the step of
- 25 recommending to the Legislature the elimination of the

- 1 fee for permit to drill.
- 2 For decades beginning with statehood Alaska law
- 3 required each application for a permit to drill to be
- 4 accompanied by a filing fee. Originally that fee was
- 5 \$50 and then later up to \$100. The \$100 fee had
- 6 remained in effect for approximately 37 years until the
- 7 time that the Commission undertook a comprehensive
- 8 review of all the statutory provisions in Title 31.
- 9 This was one of the sections reviewed by the
- 10 Commission. We reviewed it and determined that that
- 11 fee had become simply what you could characterize as a
- 12 nuisance fee, it contributed very little to the
- 13 Commission's overall budget. Our determination was it
- 14 contributed between 20 to \$25,000 per year towards the
- 15 Commission's multi-million dollar annual budget and
- 16 additionally it did not begin to approximate the actual
- 17 cost of processing an application for a permit to
- 18 drill.
- 19 With that in mind the Commission reviewed
- 20 options for addressing this situation. One option, of
- 21 course, would have been to increase the fee to bring it
- 22 more in line with the Commission's actual costs. This
- 23 would have entailed a significant increase in the
- 24 required fee. The Commission considered this and one
- 25 factor that caused us to rule this out was the

- 1 realization that most of the operators that apply for
- 2 permits to drill already pay the Regulatory Cost Charge
- 3 to the Commission. The fee paid for an application for
- 4 a permit to drill is a direct offset and a year end
- 5 deduction to the Regulatory Cost Charge so in effect
- 6 any operator paying a permit fee would in effect have
- 7 that credited as a reduction of the Regulatory Cost
- 8 Charge and in effect the fee paid would be going
- 9 through the revolving door and there would be no net
- 10 benefit to anyone. We calculated that approximately 80
- 11 percent of the fees would result in no net benefit to
- 12 anyone. Of the remaining fees which at most would be
- 13 about 20 percent, many of these related to companies
- 14 that are involved in exploration and there was concern
- 15 on the part of the Commissioners that by setting the
- 16 fee at a substantially higher rate it could adversely
- 17 affect exploration in the state of Alaska. This was
- 18 all discussed and aired at public hearings including
- 19 discussions with the regulated industry. Everyone
- 20 agreed that it would be more beneficial to encourage
- 21 more exploration because to the extent that
- 22 explorations are successful and additional production
- 23 is established, that allows more companies to begin
- 24 paying the Regulatory Cost Charge and share that cost
- 25 and that is the long-term objective of most operators

- 1 rather than simply having companies pay a higher permit
- 2 fee.
- 3 So that led us then to consider other options
- 4 and it led us then to what was the most desirable
- 5 option which was simply to eliminate the fee entirely.
- 6 One thing that underscored this option for us was the
- 7 fact that the Commission is increasingly moving in the
- 8 direction of electronic commerce and the requirement
- 9 for a monetary payment to accompany an application is a
- 10 complicating feature where most of the other filings in
- 11 the future we're hoping will be able to be handled
- 12 electronically. It is possible that electronic
- 13 transfers of money could be also handled, but there are
- 14 some complications with that and since the fee
- 15 generally does not contribute substantially to the
- 16 Commission's budget anyway we opted finally to
- 17 recommend to the Legislature that the fee be
- 18 eliminated. The Legislature considered all this, this
- 19 was then discussed in the course of legislative
- 20 hearings and that led to the repeal of the underlying
- 21 statute and with that that brings us here today to
- 22 finish the process out with repeal of the regulation.
- 23 And with that I will move the adoption of this
- 24 repealer regulation.
- 25 CHAIR FOERSTER: And I'll second that motion.

- 1 Since there's nobody else here to vote, the motion
- 2 passes.
- 3 And since this was the only item of business
- 4 noticed for this hearing it's appropriate to go ahead
- 5 and adjourn. We're adjourned.
- 6 (Adjourned 9:12 a.m.)
- 7 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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# NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission proposes to adopt changes in Title 20, Chapter 25 of the Alaska Administrative Code. Specifically, the Commission proposes to repeal 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) to eliminate the filing fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill. In addition, the Commission proposes to amend the language of 20 AAC 25.005(e)(2), 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), 20 AAC 25.015(b)(1) and 20 AAC 25.605(a) in order to delete all references to the filing fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill.

You may comment on the proposed regulation change, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed change, by submitting written comments to Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission at 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Additionally, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 276-7542 and by electronic mail at Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. The comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 8, 2013.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on January 8, 2013, at 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. The hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 9:30 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Jody Colombie at (907) 793-1221 no later than January 4, 2013 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation change, contact Jody Colombie at (907) 793-1221 or go to www.aogcc.alaska.gov.

After the public comment period ends, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of any final regulation may be different from the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 31.05.030 and AS 31.05.090

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 31.05.090

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation change is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: <u>November 15, 2012</u>

Cathy P. Foerster, Chair, Commissioner

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

- 1. Adopting agency: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- 2. General subject of regulation: eliminating the fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill as well as any reference in the regulations to such fee.
- 3. Citation of regulation: 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), 20 AAC 25.005(e)(2), 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), 20 AAC 25.015(b)(1) and 20 AAC 25.605(a).
- 4. Reason for the proposed action: compliance with revised state statute.
- 5. Appropriation/Allocation: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- 6. Cost of implementation to the state agency: zero.
- 7. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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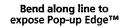
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### **MEMORANDUM**

### STATE OF ALASKA

### ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

TO: Regulations Attorney

DATE:

July 16, 2012

Regulations Attorney

Legislation/Regulation Section

Department of Law

SUBJECT: Request for Legal Review of

Regulations Project on Eliminating Filing

Fees for an Application for a

Permit to Drill 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1)

FROM:

Cathy P. Foerster, Chair Regulations Contact

Department of Administration

We are requesting legal review and approval of the attached final regulations on Eliminating Filing Fees for an Application for a Permit to Drill, which were adopted by the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

### Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1. the original and one copy of the final regulations for the Department of Law's use;
- 2. the original signed and dated certification order;
- 3. the original of the public notice;
- 4. the original of the additional regulations notice information form distributed with the notice:
- 5. the original of the publisher's affidavit of publication;
- 6. affidavit of notice of proposed adoption of regulations and furnishing of additional information;
- 7. the original of the affidavit of oral hearing;
- 8. the original of the affidavit of commission action;

We have worked with Assistant Attorney General Thomas Ballantine on the project.

Upon completion of your review, please forward the regulations to the lieutenant governor for filing.

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### AFFIDAVIT OF COMMISSION ACTION

I, Jody J. Colombie, Special Assistant to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, being sworn, state the following:

The attached motion, dealing with eliminating filing fees for an application for a permit to drill regulation changes, was passed by the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission during its June 7, 2010 hearing.

Date: August 20, 2012
Anchorage

Jody J. Colombie

Special Assistant to the Commission

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 20th day of August, 2012.

Notary Public in and for the

State of Alaska

My commission expires: 11/11/2014

## ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION HEARING June 7, 2012 Hearing

Commissioner John K. Norman moved and Commissioner Daniel T. Seamount, Jr. seconded the following motion:

"I move to adopt 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1)."

The motion carried unanimously.

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	) ss.
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### AFFIDAVIT OF ORAL HEARING

I, Cathy P. Foerster, Chair, Commissioner of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, being sworn, state the following:

On June 7, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., 333 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, I presided over a public hearing held under AS 44.62.210 for the purpose of taking testimony in connection with the repealing 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) eliminating filing fees for an application for a permit to drill.

DATE: July 16, 2012 Anchorage

Chair, Commissioner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 16th day of July, 2012.

Notary Public in and for the
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My commission expires: 11/11/14

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### AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I, Jody J. Colombie, Special Assistant to the Commission I, of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed adoption of changes to 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) eliminating filing fees for an application for a permit to drill has been given by being

- published in a newspaper or trade publication; (1)
- furnished to interested persons;
- furnished to appropriate state officials;
- furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulations; (4)
- electronically transmitted to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
- furnished to the Legislative Affairs Agency, Legislative Legal and Research Services:
- posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS (7) 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1);
- furnished electronically, along with a copy of the proposed regulations, to the Legislative Affairs Agency, the chair of the Resources Committee of the Alaska Senate and House of Representatives, the Administrative Regulation Review Committee, and the legislative council.

As required by AS 44.62.190(d), additional regulations notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to interested persons and those in (5) and (6) of the list above. The additional regulations notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

DATE: July 16, 2012 Anchorage, Alaska

Special Assistant to the Commission I

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 16th day of July, 2012.

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My commission expires: 11/11/14.

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# NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission propose to adopt regulation changes in Title 20, Chapter 25 of the Alaska Administrative Code. The Commission proposes to repeal 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) to eliminate the filing fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill.

You may comment on the proposed regulation change, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed change, by submitting written comments to Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission at 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Additionally, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 276-7542 and by electronic mail at Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. The comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 15, 2012.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on June 7, 2012, at 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. The hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 9:30 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Jody Colombie at (907) 793-1221 no later than June 1, 2012 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation change, contact Jody Colombie at (907) 793-1221 or go to www.aogcc.alaska.gov.

After the public comment period ends, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of any final regulation may be different from the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 31.05.030 and AS 31.05.090

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 31.05.090

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation change is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: April 2, 2012

Cathy F. Foerster, Chair, Commissioner

# ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

- 1. Adopting agency: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- 2. General subject of regulation: eliminating the fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill.
- 3. Citation of regulation: 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1).
- 4. Reason for the proposed action: compliance with revised state statute.
- 5. Appropriation/Allocation: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- 6. Cost of implementation to the state agency: zero.
- 7. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

Name Cathy P. Foerster

Title Chair, Commissioner

Address 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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E-mail address is jody.colombie@alaska.gov

8. The origin of the proposed action: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission staff.

9. Date: April 2, 2012 Prepared by:

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By:/s/Cathy P. Foerster, Chair, Commissioner

#### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE** INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

General subject of regulation: eliminating the fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill.

Citation of regulation: 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1).

4. Reason for the proposed action: compliance with revised state statute.

Appropriation/Allocation: Alaska Conservation Gas and Oil Commission.

6. Cost of implementation to the state agency: zero.

7. The name of the contact person

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9. Date: April 2, 2012 Prepared by: Jody J. Colombie Special Staff Assistant (907) 793-1221 Pub: 4/8/2012

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## SERVICE LIST FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1)

On April 2, 2012, I mailed to the following individuals the public notice of proposed amendments to 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), additional regulations notice information, and proposed regulations:

Debra Behr Chief Assistant Attorney General Legislation and Regulations Section Department of Law PO Box 110300 Juneau, AK 99811

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Public Notice (Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission) (repealing 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) Notice of hearing, Additional Information and Proposed Regulation.pdf

Attached is a Notice of Proposed regulations of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission repealing 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) to eliminate the filing fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill.

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# ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The attached 1 page of regulations, dealing with eliminating filing fees for an application for a permit to drill, is certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission adopted at its June 7, 2012 hearing, under the authority of AS 31.05.030 and AS 31.05.040 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken. Although no public comments were received, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: <u>July 16, 2012</u> Anchorage, Alaska

Cathy P/Foerster
Chair, Commissioner

#### FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Mead Treadwell, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on	
atm., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 -	
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Lieutenant Governor	
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20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) is repealed:  (1) repealed/;
20 AAC 25.005(e)(2) is amended to read:
(2) for each other well branch, the application for a Permit to Drill need only include information under (c) of this section that is unique to that well branch [AND NEED NOT
BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE \$100 FEE].  (Eff. 4/13/80, Register 74; am 4/2/86, Register 97; am 11/7/99, Register 152; am 6/4/2000,
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Register) <b>Authority:</b> AS 31.05.030 AS 31.05.090

### 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) submit and obtain the commission's approval of a new application for a Permit to Drill if the proposed surface location is changed, if the proposed bottom-hole location or the proposed location of an objective formation is changed by more than 500 feet laterally or vertically, or if the change requires a spacing exception under 20 AAC 25.055; [HOWEVER, NO ADDITIONAL FEE IS REQUIRED;] or

## 20 AAC 25.015(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) submit and obtain the commission's approval of a new application for a Permit to Drill [, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$100,] if the proposed bottom-hole location or the proposed location of an objective formation is changed by more than 500 feet laterally or vertically, or if the change requires a spacing exception under 20 AAC 25.055; or

(Eff. 4/13/80, Register 74; am 4/2/86, Register 97; am 11/7/99, Register 152; am 1/5/2006,

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**Authority:** AS 31.05.030 AS 31.05.090

20 AAC 25.605 is amended to read:

(a) The formula for determining a person's regulatory cost charge under AS 31.05.093 is

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where

**RCC** = the regulatory cost charge;

 $V_{OP}$  = the total volume of oil and gas produced from, and oil, gas, water, and other fluids injected into, during the most recently concluded calendar year, wells for which a Permit to Drill has been issued under AS 31.05.090, of which the person is the operator on the first day of the fiscal year, and that have not before that day been plugged and abandoned and reported as abandoned in accordance with this chapter;

 $V_{TOT}$  = the total volume of oil and gas produced from, and oil, gas, water, and other fluids injected into, during the most recently concluded calendar year, all wells for which a Permit to Drill has been issued under AS 31.05.090 and that have not before the first day of the fiscal year been plugged and abandoned and reported as abandoned in accordance with this chapter;

A = the appropriation, other than from federal receipts, made for the operating costs of the commission for the fiscal year;

[F = THE COMMISSION'S REASONABLE ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL FEES TO BE COLLECTED UNDER AS 31.05.090 DURING THE FISCAL YEAR;]

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L = the lapsed amount of a previous appropriation that is appropriated for the fiscal year under AS 31.05.093 (d).

(Eff. 6/4/2000, Register 154, Register 180; am \_\_/\_\_/\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 31.05.030 AS 31.05.093

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1	ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
2	Before Commissioners: Cathy Foerster, Chair
3	Daniel T. Seamount
4	John K. Norman
5	In the Matter of the Elimination )
6	of the Filing Fee Required to )
7	Accompany an Application for a )
8	Permit to Drill.
9	)
1	Docket No.:
1	ALASKA OIL and GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1	Anchorage, Alaska
1	June 7, 2012
1	9:00 o'clock a.m.
1	VOLUME I
1	PUBLIC HEARING
1	BEFORE: Cathy Foerster, Chair
1	Daniel T. Seamount, Commissioner
1	John K. Norman, Commissioner

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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (On record 9:02 a.m.)
- 3 CHAIR FOERSTER: Good morning. I'll call this
- 4 hearing to order. This is a public hearing to consider
- 5 proposed regulations pertaining to the elimination of the
- 6 filing fee required to accompany an application for a
- 7 permit to drill.
- 8 In 2007 the Legislature enacted statutory
- 9 amendments to Alaska Statute 31.05, one of those
- 10 amendments eliminated the statutory filing fee required
- 11 to accompany permit to drill applications. The Alaska
- 12 Oil & Gas Conservation Commission is repealing this
- 13 regulation to conform the regulation to the statute that
- 14 was amended.
- The hearing is being held on the morning of June
- 16 7th, 2012 at 9:02 a.m. The location is the Commission's
- 17 offices at 333 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 100, Anchorage,
- 18 Alaska.
- 19 I'll first introduce the Commissioners. To my
- 20 right is Commissioner John Norman, to my left is
- 21 Commissioner Dan Seamount and I'm Cathy Foerster, the
- 22 Chair.
- 23 Computer Matrix will be recording the
- 24 proceedings. Upon completion and preparation of the
- 25 transcript anyone desiring a copy will be able to obtain

- 1 it by contacting Computer Matrix or by contacting Jody
- 2 Colombie, the Commission's Special Assistant doing the
- 3 float wave, and she'll facilitate your getting a copy.
- 4 The Commissioners would like to remind those who
- 5 are testifying to speak into the microphone so that
- 6 persons in the rear of the room can hear and so the court
- 7 reporter can get a clear recording.
- 8 Specifically today the Alaska Oil & Gas
- 9 Conservation Commission proposes to repeal 20 AAC
- 10 25.005(c)(1) of the Alaska Administrative Code to
- 11 eliminate the filing fee requirement. This hearing is
- 12 being held in accordance with AS 44.62 and 20 AAC 25.540
- 13 of the Alaska Administrative Code. This hearing will be
- 14 recorded.
- To have a question directed to someone testifying
- 16 we ask that you provide your question in writing along
- 17 with your name and that of the witness to a designated
- 18 Commission representative. Before the end of the hearing
- 19 the Commission will review any questions and ask those it
- 20 believes to be helpful in eliciting relevant information.
- 21
- The notice of this hearing was published in the
- 23 Alaska Journal of Commerce on April 8th, 2012. It was
- 24 also posted on the state of Alaska online notices website
- 25 as well as the AOGCC's own website on April 2nd, 2012.

- 1 We have not received any written comments.
- When considering the factual, substantive and
- 3 other relevant matters the agency shall pay special
- 4 attention to the cost to private persons of the proposed
- 5 regulatory action.
- 6 Commissioner John Norman will provide comments
- 7 for this consideration.
- 8 COMMISSIONER NORMAN: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 9 I'd like to place into the record a little bit of brief
- 10 background and rationale for the amendment.
- 11 For decades the statute controlling the Alaska
- 12 Oil & Gas Conservation Commission, specifically
- 13 31.05.090, contained as part of the requirement for
- 14 obtaining a permit to drill that a \$100 filing fee
- 15 accompany each application. This resulted in annual
- 16 receipts of somewhere between 20 and \$25,000 per year by
- 17 the Commission. The Commission in 2007 examined the
- 18 relevance of this permit fee which existed at the same
- 19 amount for decades and considered whether it ought to be
- 20 changed in some fashion. Among the options was an
- 21 increase in the fee to raise the amount to make the
- 22 application fee more properly reflect the actual cost to
- 23 the Commission and regulated community of processing a
- 24 permit to drill.
- 25 Another option was to simply dismiss the fee

- 1 entirely. This was discussed at hearings and comments
- 2 were submitted by the public and the regulated industry
- 3 to the Commission. It then went through the legislative
- 4 process and was the subject of hearings before the
- 5 Legislature in Juneau. The conclusion was that the fee
- 6 generating about 20 to 25,000 per year made only a very
- 7 nominal contribution towards the Commission's
- 8 multimillion dollar annual budget. Additionally by
- 9 requiring a \$100 fee some forward looking person said
- 10 that it will eventually become a nuisance fee at such
- 11 time as the Commission is ready to move into true
- 12 electronic commerce and allowing permits to be submitted
- 13 electronically and processed that way. It added one
- 14 level of complication about how to get money to the
- 15 Commission for this payment.
- 16 Another consideration was the fact that the fee
- 17 when it comes in, the 20 to \$25,000 per year, is part of
- 18 a formula then that was used to calculate the Regulatory
- 19 Cost Charge for that year on industry. It would reduce
- 20 slightly that amount, but on the other hand most of the
- 21 fees paid for applications for permits to drill are paid
- 22 by persons already subject to the Regulatory Cost Charge.
- 23 So if you will the process sort of went through a
- 24 revolving door with no great benefit to anyone.
- 25 These things were all considered at that time and

- 1 this culminated in the adoption and enactment in Section
- 2 12 of Chapter 54 of the Session Laws of 2000 of a
- 3 repealer of that statutory provision previously contained
- 4 in Alaska Statute 31.05.090. With the repeal of the
- 5 statute which is a fact, this left the regulation hanging
- 6 in the air without any statutory foundation and
- 7 consequently the purpose of this proposed amendment is
- 8 simply to make the regulation consistent with the statute
- 9 as changed by the Legislature.
- 10 So with that brief explanation I will move that
- 11 we adopt the amendment and I'd be happy to answer any
- 12 questions if there are any.
- 13 CHAIR FOERSTER: Is there a second?
- 14 COMMISSIONER SEAMOUNT: I second it.
- 15 CHAIR FOERSTER: All right. The motion has --
- 16 it's been moved and seconded that we eliminate the
- 17 requirement of a \$100 Regulatory Cost fee from our
- 18 regulations so that the regulations are consistent with
- 19 the statutes. All in favor say aye.
- 20 IN UNISON: Aye.
- 21 CHAIR FOERSTER: Opposed.
- 22 (No opposing votes)
- 23 CHAIR FOERSTER: Hearing no opposition the motion
- 24 is passed.
- Is there any other business to be conducted

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# STATE OF ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULATION CHANGES 20 AAC 25005(C)(1) June 7, 2012 at 9:00 am

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## **MEMORANDUM**

# State of Alaska Department of Law

To: Hon. Becky Hultberg, Commissioner

Dept. of Administration

Date: April 4, 2012

Tel. No.: 465-3600

File No.: JU2012200319

From: Deborah E. Behr

Chief Assistant Attorney General and Regulations Attorney

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Legislation and Regulations Section

Re: Regulations File Opening Re:

20 AAC 25.005(c)(1): Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:

Eliminate Filing Fee for an Application for a Permit to Drill

We have received Cathy P. Foerster's file opening request of April 2, 2012 regarding the above-referenced project, along with a copy of the proposed regulations and related documents. The project has been assigned to Assistant Attorney General Tab Ballantine, phone number 269-5100.

Our department's file number for this regulations project is JU2012200319. This file number should be used on any further correspondence pertaining to this project.

#### DEB:pav

cc: Mike Barnhill, Regulations Contact

Dept. of Administration

Cathy P. Foerster, Regulations Contact Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Dept. of Administration

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

#### STATE OF ALASKA

## ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

TO:

Deborah E. Behr

Legislation and Regulations Section

DATE: April 2, 2012

SUBJECT: File opening request for new regulations project to eliminate

the filing fee for an application

for a Permit to Drill. 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1)

FROM: Cathy P. Foerster

**Regulations Contact** 

Department of Administration

We are requesting that you open a new file for the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission project to repeal Title 20, Chapter 25, Section 005(c)(1) to eliminate filing fee required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill. AS 31.05.090 was amended in 2007 to eliminate the \$100.00 filing fee. This change is needed to conform the regulation to the statute.

Enclosed is the public notice, additional regulations notice information, and proposed amendments to 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1).

Please assign an assistant attorney general to this project. We have worked with Assistant Attorney General Thomas Ballantine on this topic.

Our contact person for the project is Jody Colombie at (907) 793-1221 or jody.colombie@alaska.gov.